

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**in the Park View Meeting Room, Victoria Park Road, Malvern Link
held on Wednesday 6 May 2025 at 6pm**

Councillors

Present

M Birks (Chair)
D Mead
D Watkins
C Fletcher
A Cherry
S Austin
K Newbigging
C Bovey
J MacLusky
M Jones
C Hooper
J Leibrandt
R McLaverty-Head
E Green
L Lowton
J Green

Absent

I Dawson (apologies)

Also in attendance

L Blake – Town Clerk
J Winkworth – Minute Clerk
Hannah Campbell – Co-option candidate

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllr Iain Dawson were **NOTED**.

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

173. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting noted below are approved and adopted as a correct record of the proceedings:

- Full Council meeting 9 April 2025.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

174. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL – CHASE WARD (1), LINK WARD (1) AND POUND BANK WARD (1)

Report CL01/25 was received and accepted.

The Mayor welcomed Hannah Campbell to the meeting and outlined the process for co-option and how each ward vacancy would be considered in turn.

It was **AGREED** that voting should take place by way of a secret ballot.

Hannah Campbell then left the room to enable the other ward candidates' statements to be read out.

A number of those present expressed concerns that not all candidates were at the meeting and following debate on the options available, it was **AGREED** that voting on the three vacancies would go ahead.

Chase Ward – One Vacancy

There was one candidate for co-option to Chase ward.

The Town Clerk read out a statement from Nathan Wanklin.

After a secret ballot, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Nathan Wanklin as a Councillor representing Chase Ward.

Link Ward – One Vacancy

There was one candidate or co-option to Link ward and Hannah Campbell was invited to join the meeting.

Hannah addressed the meeting and spoke of her reasons for wanting to stand as a Town Councillor. She also answered a number of questions from Councillors.

Hannah Campbell left the meeting.

After a secret ballot, the Town Council did not fill the vacancy in Link ward.

Cllr Julie MacLusky left the meeting at 7.02pm.

Pound Bank Ward – One Vacancy

There was one candidate for co-option to Pound Bank Ward.

Benjamin Hopkinson was not in attendance and had no submitted any further information.

After a secret ballot, the Town Council did not fill the vacancy in Pound Bank ward.

Cllr Lou Lowton left the meeting at 7.05pm.

175. TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PCC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED SHIFT CHANGES FOR PUBLIC COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

Report CL02/25 was received and accepted.

The Mayor updated the Councillors on the recent visit to a previous meeting by PCSO Tudge and the information he had presented on the consultation on proposed shift changes for PCSO's.

The Mayor had sent a letter on behalf of the Town Council to John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner, but no reply has been received.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Mayor would write a second letter to John Campion including the following points:

- The Town Council feel very strongly that the change in shift pattern will reduce cover at a time when it is crucial i.e. 8-10pm
- It is important that the local community should have their say on these proposals.

- The PCC should be asked that if this does go ahead, will there be an evaluation of any impact on crime and there be a chance to reinstate the hours if there are negative effects.

176. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, which is the Annual Council meeting, is scheduled for Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 6pm at the Community Hub, Park View meeting room.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC It was **AGREED** to resolve pursuant to **Section 1 of the Public Bodies UNADOPTED (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960** to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

177. ROSE BANK GARDENS

The Town Clerk updated the Full Council on the progress of Rose Bank Gardens.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.

.....(Chairman)

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